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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *aag*

RE: Site Inspection, Jetco (Golden Eagle Mining), Yerian Mine, S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 20, 1992

Time of Inspection: 1530 -1615

Conditions: Overcast

Participants: Several onsite workers; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

This inspection was performed solely because I was in the area inspecting another site and wanted to see what the noise was all about. This was not a scheduled inspection.

I first talked with Ron(?) who has been at the site under the previous owners. The new owners are Jetco, a subsidiary of Golden Eagle Mines. Ron was under the impression that all the transfers and paper work was complete or in the process. He provided the name of Frank Kelly, 1-828-7645 (mobile phone), as a contact.

The operator was excavating sand and gravel and running it through a sluice box system at the time of this inspection. The reject cobble is piled up and the water and reject fines are run through a series of settling ponds before discharging back into the river. The process has not changed from that used by the previous operator.

While the mining and milling process has not noticeably changed, the disturbance at the site has. At the time of the last inspection, it was noted that the disturbance was probably over five acres. The operator indicated that portions of the site would be regraded and revegetated in order to keep the disturbance under five acres. The areas in question were regraded sometime in the interim between the last

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inspection and this one. If all the cobble piles, ponds, processing area, and extraction areas were included in the current disturbed area this site would probably exceed the five acre limit.

At the time of this inspection, it appeared that a portion of the cobble piles adjacent to the current extraction area had been regraded and covered with soil material. This may reduce the disturbance by 1 to 1.5 acres if it is considered to be reclaimed.

I informed the workers at the site that I would like to talk with Mr. Kelly and that I would try to telephone him at a later date. I would also check our files to see if the transfer process had been completed. Several photographs were taken of the current operations.

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cc: Frank Kelly, Jetco

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